

REMARKS

Restriction

In the Office Action mailed March 7, 2007, the claims were divided into two groups:

Group I – Claims 1-27, 45, 46 and 49-52, drawn to compounds

Group II – Claim 47, drawn to a method of *in situ* tumor imaging.

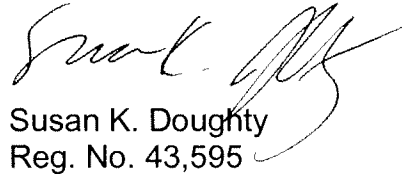
In response, applicant elects Group I, with traverse. The Office Action stated the inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept because they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature because “the claimed compounds do not share a common core which can form the basis for the special technical feature required for unity of invention.” The Office Action then discussed differences between compounds of claim 1 as compared to claims 46 and 48-52. All of the discussed claims are included in Group I. There is no reasoning given in the Office Action as to differences between Group I and Group II. Since Group II requires a compound of claim 1, it is believed the two groups identified relate to a single general inventive concept. Therefore, it is believed the requirement to elect an invention is improper.

The Office Action required election of specific single identities of the variables for initial examination. In response, applicant elects the compound of claim 1 where $R_4 = (C_kH_{2k+1})$, where $k = 1$; $a = 1$, $R_1 = X$; $X = {}^{18}F$; $R_2 = H$, $z = 2$ and $y = 1$. This compound is specifically shown in the specification on page 30 (compound 5b).

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for election/restriction is respectfully requested. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (one month) and an authorization to charge the fee due (believed to be \$120.00 for a one month extension of time for a large entity) to Deposit Account No. 07-1969. If the amount authorized to be charged is incorrect, please charge any fees required, including any extensions of time required, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,



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